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SUBJECT: SHABA AWAITS NEWS OF BENGUELA REOPENING

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1. CONSULATE IN LUBUMBASHI HAS BEEN INFORMED BY SNCZ
OFFICIALS, WHO RUN SHABA'S RAILROAD, THAT TRIAL RUN HAS
BEEN MADE OVER THE BRIDGE AT DILOLO TO TEST ITS STRENGTH,
BUT THAT LINE REMAINS CLOSED TO INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC.

2. DEL GENERAL OF SNCZ HAD REPORTEDLY BEEN INVITED
TO REOPENING CEREMONIES SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 9 WHICH
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WERE ABRUPTLY CANCELLED.

3. ACCORDING TO SMK (SOCIETE MINIERE DE KISINGE, ZAIRE'S MANGANESE ORE PRODUCER) OFFICIALS, SNCZ HAS AGREED TO FURNISH THEM 40 CARS PER DAY FOR ORE SHIPMENTS TO LOBITO. SMK REPORTEDLY HOPES TO SHIP 25,000 MT MANGANESE ORE PER MONTH; LUBUMBASHI CONSULATE JUDGES SMK'S HOPES FOR EXPORTS VIA THE BENGUELA TO BE SOMEWHAT TOO OPTIMISTIC.

4. COMMENT: CANCELLATION OF REOPENING CEREMONIES IS IN LINE WITH REPORTS OF REFTEL THAT POLITICAL DIFFERENCES ARE DELAYING RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ON THE BENGUELA.
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